

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 4, between lines 25-29 of the specification with the following:

It is preferred that the inner vessel and/or outer bulb has a structured arrangement on its outer surface facing away from the discharge arc, on its outer surface facing the discharge arc, and/or within the vessel or bulb material layer itself. The latter may be achieved, for example, by means of a special doping of the glass or a volume-affecting laser treatment, i.e. structuring. In one embodiment, a surface of at least one of the inner vessel and the outer bulb is altered to form a pattern configured to increase a diffuseness of the discharge arc.